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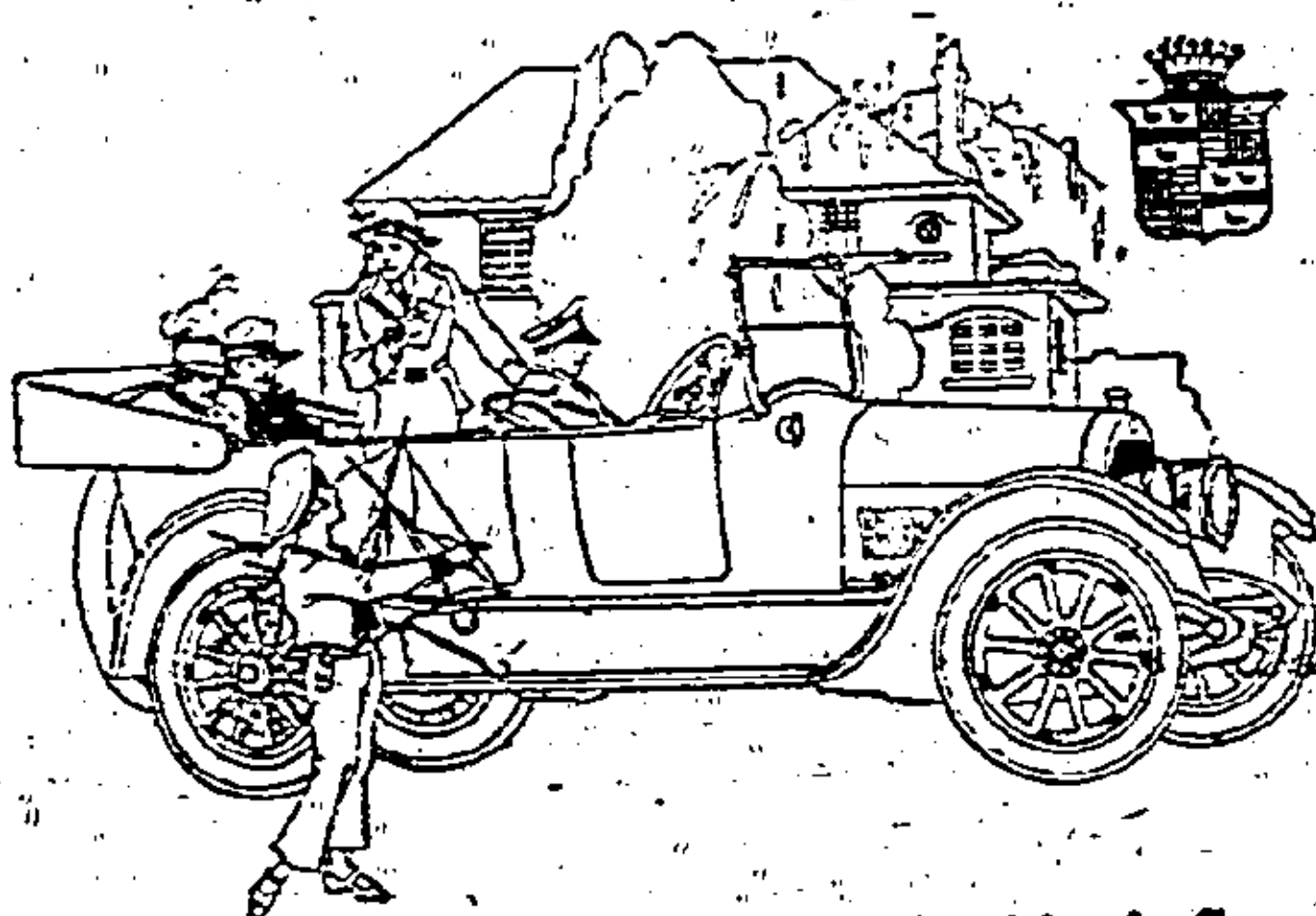
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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### MILITARISM IN IRELAND.

MIDDLETON BURNINGS SURPRISE THE GOVERNMENT.

MARTIAL LAW TO BLAME.

SINN FEIN LEADERS PREPARING TO HOLD IMPORTANT ASSEMBLY.

LONDON, January 4.

The Daily Mail states that General Strickland's sanction for the burnings at Middleton surprised the Government in London. The General acted under martial law without consultation with Sir Hamar Greenwood or other civil authorities. The Cabinet, however, supports General Strickland.

At the same time the Government is pursuing definite endeavours to secure peace in Ireland. The avenue for peace has been broadened lately and negotiations are being continued. Sinn Fein leaders are preparing to hold a meeting of Dail Eireand in accordance with Mr. Lloyd George's recent offer of a safe conduct to all except a few specified members. All the leaders in the United States have been recalled to Ireland. Negotiations are proceeding through intermediaries as regards the time and place of the assembly.

NEW METHOD OF PUNISHING DISLOYALTY.

LONDON, January 4.

The military have introduced a new method of punishing disloyalty in Ireland. They fined Fermoy £100 for tearing down a proclamation.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

SUGGESTION OF SECRET CLAUSES EMPHATICALLY DENIED.

NECESSITY FOR ADJUSTMENT.

LONDON, January 4.

Reuter is informed that a high British authority announces that the suggestions emanating from the United States that there are secret clauses in the Anglo-Japanese Treaty are absolutely without foundation. Article IV effectively prevents any contingency of Britain siding in war with Japan against America, a viewpoint in which Japan fully concurs. It is realised that events arising out of the war and the League of Nations will necessitate an adjustment of the alliance, but it is unlikely that any consideration of such readjustment will be possible until the Dominions have been consulted.

INDIAN REFORM ACTS.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT INSTITUTED IN ALL PROVINCES.

DELHI, January 3.

Responsible government under the Montagu-Chelmsford scheme was constituted in all the Provinces to-day. The governors, executive councillors, and ministers entered office with the customary ceremonial. The councils will be formally opened by the Duke of Connaught in the course of January.

INDIAN STATE PRISONERS RELEASED.

CALCUTTA, January 4.

The Governor has released all State prisoners to commemorate the inauguration of the new Bengal Government under the Reform Acts.

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FINE WIN FOR AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, January 4.

England made 157. Australia won by an innings and 91. Woolley made 50.

SOCIALIST SPLIT.

NEW FRENCH PARTY'S DECLARATION.

PARIS, January 3.

A Havas message states that in the course of the first meeting of the new French Socialist Party, as now distinct from the Communist Party, a declaration was read outlining the programme, including the continuation of the traditions set up by the great Socialist leaders, Jaures, Guesde, and Vaillant. The declaration ascribes the split to Communist partiality and submission to foreign interference. The programme upholds the old party principle of opposing any new war.

BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENT.

NEW YORK, January 4.

A message from Mexico City states that the Pais and Mexico Banking Company with a capital of 14,000,000 pesos has suspended payment in consequence of heavy loans in the cotton and sugar centres in which prices are falling. The bank hopes to reopen in a month to liquidate claims.

DUTCH QUEEN DOWAGER TO UNDERGO OPERATION.

THE HAGUE, January 4.

It is announced that the Queen Dowager Emma, who has suffered from hemia for some time, will shortly undergo operative treatment by Professor Lameris of Utrecht University.

ENGLAND BUILDING BATTLESHIPS FOR JAPAN.

WASHINGTON, January 4.

Admiral Coady, chief of the naval operations, who is the principal witness before the foreign relations committee, opposed any percentage reduction in naval shipbuilding. In the course of the discussion, the committee was informed that Japan, in order to expedite her building programme, was having three large battleships built in England.

## THE DOLLAR.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

BERLIN, January 3rd.

The French Note to Germany complains of the non-fulfilment of the disarmament clauses. According to the Spa protocol of July 9th, the time-limit of which is expiring, it is declared that, as stipulated, arms have not been surrendered, a certain number of self-defence organisations have not been disbanded and the delivery of the surplus war material has not been completed. Systematic resistance has been offered as regards the execution of the aerial clauses of the Treaty and aeronautic material which should have been destroyed by August 31st has not yet been destroyed. The German Government, replying to the note, declares that the obligations have either been fulfilled, or, if unfulfilled, the exact fulfilment has been impossible. The latter alternative includes the non-disbandment of local forces in East Prussia and Danzig. The reply alleges that conditions there do not permit of a rapid procedure, and asserts that Germany does not desire to withdraw from the Spa obligations.

BERLIN, January 4th.

The replies have been published of the Ambassadors Conference to the German Notes of December 4th and 14th against the Inter-Allied Control Commission's decisions as regards the armament of fortresses on the North Sea, the equipment of the police with air materials, and the formation and training of squadrons for police. The German contentions which it totally rejects and upholds the Commission's decisions, which, it specifically points out, are intended to rectify the contraventions of the Peace Treaty.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

WASHINGTON, January 3rd.

President Wilson has vetoed the resolution reviving the War Finance Corporation on the ground that the corporation was created as a war measure, and although the war has technically not come to an end, it has actually ended.

The Senate immediately re-passed the measure, and it is expected that the House of Representatives will do the same. President Wilson, on vetoing the resolution, predicted an improvement in post-war conditions in the United States and a following of the secure establishment of a just peace in the world.

NAVAL HOLIDAY.

WASHINGTON, January 3rd.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed Senator Borah's resolution in favour of negotiations between the United States and Great Britain and Japan with a view to the reduction of the naval programme. There was a considerable sentiment in favour of including France and Italy in the negotiations, but a decision was deferred.

The Foreign Relations Committee will meet again on January 5th. The members are of the opinion that the resolution will not be acted on for some time. The Committee, in the meantime, are gathering information.

SPANISH STEAMER LOST.

MADRID, January 3rd.

The Spanish steamer Santa Isabel is a total wreck on the coast-off Villa Garcia, near the island of Salvor. It was coming from the Canaries with 200 passengers and crew.

The coastal boats searched for survivors, and have so far landed 40.

Forty-five Santa Isabel survivors have been landed, including the captain, who was unconscious. It is officially stated that 200 passengers were on board. It is intended to transport the survivors at Cadiz for Buenos Aires.

SOVIET "AMBASSADOR."

WASHINGTON, January 3rd.

The Soviet "Ambassador" Mr. Martens has surrendered to the Labour Department and will probably be deported via Stockholm, or Liban, on the steamer Stockholm which is sailing for Gothenburg on January 2nd. He will be accompanied by his whole staff, about 40.

WEST AUSTRALIAN PEARLERS.

PERTH (W. AUSTRALIA), Jan. 3rd.

At the annual meeting of the Broome Pearling Association it was decided to ask the Federal State authorities to take action to prevent the employment of over 50 per cent. of Japanese aboard any pearling lugger.

The Japanese training squadron, consisting of the warships "Iwate" and "Asama," which have been on an ocean cruise since the spring, are reported to be held up somewhere in the South Sea for want of coal, according to a Kure despatch reaching the J.R. The authorities will send the warship "Nasbima" with sufficient coal to bring the training squadron back home. This is the first time a Japanese training squadron has had this experience and it is generally set down to lack of proper caution when the cruise was first planned.

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### INTIMATIONS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have registered ourselves as a private limited company under the provision of the Companies Ordinance 1911-1915 and on and after the 1st January, 1921, the whole of our business as a going concern will be taken over by and will be carried on under the name of THE UNION TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, but there will be no change in the management thereof.

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### CHINESE WOMEN.

#### PLATFORM FOR SUFFRAGE.

NEW IDEALS AND HOPES.

The platform of the Canton Chinese Women's Suffrage Association which was drafted at a meeting of the organization held recently at Shanghai sets forth the ideals of the new woman of China. Miss Soumy Tseng, a Cantonese young woman, is one of the leaders of the movement. The planks in the platform according to the *China Press*, are as follows:

1. Every woman may have the right to vote.
2. Men and women will have equal protection by law.
3. Girl slavery shall be prohibited.
4. Women shall have the right to the possession of their property which shall be registered in their name.
5. Women shall have the right to marry whom they desire.
6. Women shall have equal opportunities in education with men.
7. Women shall have equal vocational opportunities and vocational education with the men.
8. Women shall have equal rate of wage.
9. Concubinage shall be prohibited.
10. A single standard shall be maintained for men and women.
10. Widows shall have financial recompense from the state for the care of their children.

A group of earnest young Chinese women, well educated in the schools of China and abroad are forging ahead in an effort to uplift the position of Chinese women.

GROUP SMALL BUT ACTIVE. Although the group is small, the members of the Chinese Women's Suffrage Association are full of enthusiasm and will strive to interest the young women attending various schools throughout China in the suffrage cause.

The first meeting of the Association was held in May when 20 members attended. Since then the Association has drafted a platform which meets the needs of the Chinese women and toward which goal they will work.

The days of lily feet, seclusion for the women in their homes with

### NIKOLAIEVSK DISPUTE.

#### A SETTLEMENT REACHED.

COMPENSATION TO BEREAVED FAMILIES.

Peking, Dec. 24.—The settlement reached in the Nikolaievsk dispute provides that Hu Wei-teh, the Chinese Minister at Tokyo, shall express regret to the Japanese Government, that the commander of the Chinese fleet in these waters shall apologise to the Japanese Commander-in-Chief in Siberia, that those responsible for the shooting shall be punished and that thirty thousand dollars shall be paid to the bereaved families.—Reuter.

occupation limited to fancy needle-work, and with little or no education are over. With the banishing of the old order the young women have struck out on new paths and the Suffrage Association will strive to elevate the place of the Chinese woman in society.

#### WOMAN LAWYER IS LEADER.

Miss Soumy Tseng, the first woman lawyer in China, who sailed for Paris recently for the purpose of chaperoning forty Chinese school girls who will enter the French schools, is an enthusiastic suffragist. She was a leader in the drafting of the platform and will present the same to the various women's suffrage organisations in Europe.

"I realize the condition of the mass of women in China," said Miss Tseng, "and I believe that it is by education only that we can raise the position of women in our nation."

"The girls must have the right to marry whom they desire. Our American and European sisters have this privilege—why is it denied to the women of China? The old fashion where the parents choose the bride or bridesroom is being abolished—but very slowly. It is tragic when an educated man or woman is married to an uneducated person—especially if the man or woman has been educated abroad."

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### KOREANS MURDERED.

#### JAPANESE IN FENGTIEN.

DEFENCELESS SETTLERS KILLED IN COLD BLOOD.

The following report of doings by Japanese troops in Fengtien is sent to the *M. C. Daily News* by the same correspondent who recently reported the murder of Koreans by Japanese troops at Hingking. He says that he can vouch for the accuracy of the report, which has also been sent to Reuter's Agency.

The Japanese War Office has issued a statement regarding the doings of the Japanese troops in the Chientao region, but no mention seems to have been made in it of the Fengtien province. The following facts ought to be generally known—

Similar acts to those reported from Chientao have been committed by Japanese troops in the Fengtien province, entirely outside the Chientao region, and hundreds of miles from Hingking, the scene of the disorders which served as a reason for the invasion of Chientao by Japanese forces.

About the end of October one force of about 500 infantry marched from Fushun, 26 miles east of Mukden; and another, consisting of some 200 cavalry, proceeded eastwards from Tieling.

#### INDISCRIMINATE DESTRUCTION.

These two bodies of Japanese soldiers killed several hundred unarmed, law-abiding Korean immigrants, settled in the prefectures of Hingking, Tungkuia, Tieling, Liubo and Hailong etc. They burned down or destroyed many churches; and they also burned many Korean homesteads, with thousands of dollars worth of grain, and much clothing, so rendering many people homeless and destitute at the beginning of the severe Manchurian winter.

For example, at Fawangch'ao, on the Hunjiang River, 12 homes were burned, consisting of 30 chies of houses, and a church of seven chies, not to mention three chies of Chinese property. One Korean was killed there, and 13 severely injured. The value of the grain and clothing destroyed at that place is estimated at several thousands of dollars.

At Wangsimgwe, Fantsai, and Kintuhwolo, 24 persons were killed, of whom 18 were Christians, including five sisters, three school-teachers, and other leading men.

#### UNARMED, UNSUSPECTING.

These people were unarmed. They were killed in cold blood, after having had their suspicions allayed by public declarations made by military officers that no harm would come to them. They were put to death in solitary places, with sword-bayonet thrust. Their bodies were buried naked, singly or in twos or threes, in holes in the ground dug for the purpose, and after the graves were filled up, the ground was trampled flat in order to obscure all traces.

A credible witness has indicated that, to his knowledge, well over 200 Koreans had been killed up to a certain point in the progress of one of the detachments mentioned above. It is reported that 40 were killed in the Tieling prefecture alone, and 89 in the region of Sanyuanpu in the Liubo prefecture.

Nothing at all resembling conditions of warfare prevailed in any of the districts mentioned, yet the killings were simply put to death without trial of any kind. Some of them are known to have been people devoid of political prepossessions, and their only known offence was their adherence to the Christian Church. The Japanese War Office statement declares that Japan allows full religious liberty. Yet it is a fact that present has been brought to bear on Koreans in Manchuria to get them to renounce their faith, and join a religious society favoured by the Japanese government, the tenets of which are incompatible with Christianity.

#### NO MISSIONARIES PRESENT.

There have been no resident missionaries working amongst the Koreans in that part of Manchuria, though missionaries have visited there at intervals during the past few years. Missionaries scarcely be alleged to have been the cause of this particular tragedy.

The Japanese military have succeeded in making many widows and orphans, in the midst of a merciless, law-abiding, industrious population. There is no allegation that Japanese has suffered injury to limb, or property, in the past. Fengtien province is quiet. Japanese troops have also wholehearted conditions of lawless destruction, just at the beginning of the severe Manchurian winter.

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LEASHIN.—On December 25, 1920,

at 7.55 p.m., to Mr. and Mrs.

N. N. Leashin, a son.

LILLEY.—On December 26, 1920,

at Wuhu, to Mr. and Mrs. F.

W. Lilley, a son. Frank Walter

Lilley, Jr.

HAYIM.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ellis

Hayim, on Thursday, December

30, 1920, at Shanghai, a son.

## DEATHS.

JAMIESON.—On December 30, at

43, Onslow Square, London,

George Jamieson, formerly of

H.B.M. Consular Service in

China.

PRITCHARD.—On Wednesday, De-

cember 29, at Shanghai, Harry

Pritchard, aged 63 years.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5, 1921.

## NO MISSING LINK.

We were asked the other day, by a man who shares our interest in subjects, what we thought of much advertised expedition to Asia, by the American Museum of Natural History, in search of "the missing link." We have briefly that we did not see that to be the object of the expedition. That was merely a headline and a catchy headline by the newspapers. We are not American scientific men, and we do not waste money on such an impossible and nonsensical search. It will not be a success if we

now enlarge and elaborate our reply. A Press bulletin sent out by the Museum, which we had not then seen, certainly does refer to the possible discovery of remains (like those found in Java in 1891) but, as was to be expected of a scientific publication, there was no talk of finding the "missing link," which is a requirement of those who do not understand the doctrine of evolution, rather than of those who do.

It was the mob, quick at inventing and clinging to catchwords, and not Darwin, who said that man is descended from a monkey. What Darwin said was that man and the monkey must have had an ancestor in common, which is credible, and squares with facts observable. For that matter, a man and a cabbage are descended from a common ancestor, but no one suggests looking for the missing link or links between man and cabbage. Man and fish and monkey, according to the doctrine of evolution, had a common ancestor, and although embryo man shows gill slits, we never say that man has descended, in a direct line, from a fishy ancestor, nor do we look, except in penny side-shows at country fairs, for creatures half man and half fish, for, in fact, the popular notion of a missing link between a palm tree and a fig, yet we do not doubt that both trees had a common ancestor. Indeed, the palm tree and man have alike evolved from a protoplasmic ancestor who belonged to the first simple tribe of "organic" atoms.

Darwin himself in his "Origin of Species" has definitely repudiated the missing link idea of the mob as "a wholly false view." In his own words, "the fanciful and pouter pigeons are both descended from the rock pigeon; if we possess all the intermediate varieties which have ever existed, we should have an extremely good series between both and the rock

pigeon, but we should have no varieties directly intermediate between the fanciful and the rock pigeon. Surely that is plain enough. One wonders when that hoary "missing link" conception will disappear from the tongue of men, and the great doctrine of evolution be rightly understood. The chief business of this expedition, which is making its headquarters at Peking, is zoological rather than anthropological or paleontological. Whether or not any human remains are found, the central Asian plateau should yield rich collections of other things of scientific interest. The expedition expects to start next month. We will no doubt hear a great deal of its doings, but need expect no startlingly novel discoveries. A harvest of prehistoric bones may be forthcoming when the mineral treasures of China begin to be exploited, though many of them will be wasted by ignorance.

## DIVIDE ET IMPERA.

The movement for Council reform in the Straits Settlements has had a set back, a remarkably small number of votes being registered. Only twelve Chinese, if we remember correctly, voted. This has been described as evidence of apathy. It wasn't that. It was an unfortunate division, between Chinese residents who are British subjects and Chinese residents who are not, that spoiled the game. Once more we see how fatal is lack of unity. Once more we recognize the acuteness of the Roman maxim, *divide et impera*, which says a divided people is the easiest to rule. The Chinese, whether at home or abroad, have their conspicuous divisions, but they are not the only people who seem unable to achieve the unity which is strength and salvation. There are others. The division between Liberal and Conservative at home is much more foolish and unhelpful than the division between Canton and Peking. The Party System was probably invented by people who knew all about *divide et impera*. When honest men fall out, thieves come by power. When nations quarrel, profiteers prosper. *Divide et impera* has its opposite. *Unite in rule*, says the ruling class with calculating smile. *Unite in order* is not to be ruled, is what free men should counter; but it is seldom you can get enough of them to see it. The minority know what they want. The majority never does. Men that think they love peace are content with the peace that is imposed. Men that really love it want the peace that comes of a united understanding, of a cessation of stupid and baseless divisions. Probably they will never get it.

## SILVER.

India and China normally, as is generally understood, take most of the world's silver supply. It used to be thought that what they took they permanently absorbed, in personal ornaments, and art work. India, more greedy for silver even than China, is reported to have absorbed, between June 1918 and June 1919, an amount actually twelve per cent. larger than the world's entire production for the period. For ten years before the war India regularly took about 35 per cent. of the world supply. How comes it, then, that the experts talk of India as being now a seller of silver? If they speak of "seller," we could understand it. We could understand hoarding, and a subsequent releasing. At least, we could understand it as well as we ever do understand any department of the silver situation. Are the natives of both countries giving up silver bangles, silver anklets and armlets? Do they no longer cherish silver pagodas and dragons cunningly wrought? Or how do they come to be sellers of silver, those countries that have hitherto bought and kept it? When either or both begin to buy again, the dollar is to go up, always providing that Potosi and Nevada and such places do not go in for over production. Perhaps the reported discovery of silver in the Klondike, a region hitherto suspected chiefly of gold, depressed our dollar, or helped to push it further down the slippery incline in now rests upon, and it may be that the dollar is now balancing, waiting to see if the report were true, or its importance exaggerated. Perhaps, judging by the amusing story recently told by Sir Stubb, of Chinese who took their money away from Hongkong so that the conquering Germans might not get it, the Chinese would just as soon have those pretty engravings from The Bank as silver. In that case, obviously, the less demand would mean a cheaper dollar. But while the price of silver affects the price of exchange, is it not the ebb and flow of transactions that tells most? Questions like these were being eagerly fired at a young man in one of the banks, with, of course, the cruder ones about when the dollar would go up. "Do you think it'll be here if I knew?" he demanded, and there was no more to be said.

## AN ACT OF WAR.

Yesterday we had an editorial note about the houses in Cock that were, deliberately and officially, burned because the inhabitants had neglected to warn the military and police of a previous ambush. We pointed out the dilemma of the inhabitants, whose fate as informers would not improbably have been more dreadful, and we dwelt on the useless wastefulness of such a reprisal. In the bitterness of our mood we talked of Prussian ways. This morning Renter tells us that the same incident is officially described as "a formal act of war." That clinches it. Out of their own mouths they have condemned themselves. If it was an act of war, then the first reason given for burning the houses cannot stand, for the inhabitants were presumably at war with us, and we had no right, legal or moral, to expect them to betray their own side. Yet that reason was put down on paper and copies handed to the occupants who were to be burned out. Our bitter comment must stand. Ireland is being fought on Prussian principles. We shall have to clamour for the hanging of Lloyd George as formerly we did for the hanging of the Kaiser. As in that case, we will not expect a literal fulfilment of our demand.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The price of the *London Gazette* is now two shillings instead of 1s., which was the price for two and a half centuries.

Bonus cheques, aggregating more than \$7,000,000 (Gold), for the employees of the Ford Motor Co. have been written. Distribution was to start on January 1.

The Annual General Meeting of the Golf Section of the Kowloon Cricket Club will be held at the club at 6 p.m. to-day. All members are requested to be present.

The Hongkong Hotel Garage has secured the agency for Studebaker cars for Hongkong and the two Kwang provinces. The Company announces that its show room, in Des Vaux Road adjoining the Hotel, will be opened in March.

Our Hankow contemporary states that owing to the recent disturbances in Changsha caused by the unpaid military, the people have seized the private property of the former Commander-in-Chief, Tan Yen-kai, said to value some \$10,000,000. It is proposed to sell this property and thereby raise funds to pay off the troops.

Strait papers announce the death of His Highness the Sultan of Kedah. About five months ago His Highness visited Singapore and called upon His Excellency the Governor and Lady Guillemard, after recuperating his health at the residence of Mr. See Tiam Lim in Selegie Road. His Highness was buried the same day, and arrangements are now being made for his successor.

According to the *Japan Gazette* the N.Y.K. learns that bunker coal is lacking in Calcutta, owing to the fact that freight cars are now largely occupied with the transportation of agricultural products, and the Indian Government has decided to curtail the supply of coal to steamships touching at Calcutta to only sufficient to enable them to proceed to Singapore to the east, Port Said to the west, or Durban to the south.

A precedent was established at the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday when permission was granted for the erection of a water closet in a Chinese restaurant at Kowloon. Hitherto the board has discriminated against the use of Chinese of water closets. The Medical Officer of Health in recommending the granting of the application, said that a water closet in these premises might ally disease as it would reduce the danger of infected flies contaminating food.

Madam Tamaki Mura, the celebrated Japanese singer, known throughout the musical world for her characterization of Madam Butterfly, in Puccini's opera of the same name, will be heard in Japan in April. Her company will include members of the Singsen Orchestra. They will tour Japan for six weeks. Madam Mura will be heard in "Madam Butterfly," "Erie," and other well-known operas. Later the company will give its repertoire in Shanghai and Hongkong.

A serious accident occurred on the river last week, near Kiangnan Arsenal. The str. "Taio Maru," of Osaka, chartered by the Kailan Mining Administration, was proceeding to a berth in the upper reaches and, while swinging to her anchor, fouled the stem of the Chinese cruiser "Hailung," moored off the Arsenal. The "Taio Maru" was so badly damaged that she sank alongside the cruiser. Shanghai Tug & Lighter Company's tugs were brought up and drew the cruiser clear of the wreck. The "Taio Maru" now lies in about 30 fathoms of water, with her decks washed away. She has a full cargo of coal for the Kailan Company.

## ARMED ROBBERS.

## PORTUGUESE LADY ATTACKED.

## SENSATION IN KOWLOON.

On the pretext that they brought a letter to deliver, armed robbers yesterday afternoon in broad daylight obtained entrance to the flat of a Portuguese lady, Mrs. Gomes, wife of Mr. T. F. Gomes of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. at No. 1, Saifce Terrace, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Notwithstanding the fact that she was alone and the robbers threatened to kill her if she made an outcry, Mrs. Gomes fought them pluckily, receiving cuts about the face and hands, and succeeded in frightening them off.

The robbers made their appearance at the flat, which is on the ground floor of the building, about 2.30 p.m., not long after Mr. Gomes had gone back to work. Mrs. Gomes had sent her maid on an errand. There was no one else in the flat. When she heard a knock on the door, she asked who it was, before opening. The answer came that it was a messenger with a letter for her from her husband. The fact that the robbers said it was from "Fee Gomes"—"Fee" being the Chinese for "Fatty"—and the nickname by which Mr. Gomes is known to his intimate friends and associates at the docks—led Mrs. Gomes to think that it was genuine.

As soon as she opened the door, the robbers rushed in. One of them seized her, threw her down and pinned her to the floor, brandishing a dagger in her face and threatening to kill her if she cried out. The other robber stood guard by the door. Apparently it was their intention to demand money, having knowledge that Mr. Gomes had just received his pay.

But if they counted on frightening Mrs. Gomes into obedience, the robbers had a disconcerting surprise. Disregarding the dagger and the threats, she fought desperately to free herself, and succeeded, but not before she was wounded in the face and hands. She then dashed out of the house, crying for help with the robbers at her heels. Realizing that in a moment the neighbours would be on the scene, the robbers took advantage of the opportunity to make their escape. It was said that they ran in the direction of Austin Road; then, presumably, towards Canton Road. A resident of the neighbourhood, who was on his bicycle at the time, saw the men running away, and followed them, but lost sight of them when they left the road and made short cuts over the hilly ground.

Another resident reported that when he left Saifce Terrace, shortly after 2 o'clock, on his way to his office, he noticed two men lurking suspiciously about the place. He took note of their appearance, and was able to describe them in a way that may be of assistance to the police. They both were sturdy men, with bronzed faces, and one had prominent snarled scars. Both were about 5 feet 4 inches in height. One wore a dirty coat-shirt over a blue shirt; the other also wore winter clothes. In their haste to follow Mrs. Gomes when she broke away and ran from them, the robbers left behind their dagger. One of them also left one of his shoes in the house, and the other about a hundred yards from the door.

Mrs. Gomes, who went through the experience so bravely from beginning to end, broke down when the danger was over, and last night was suffering from nervous shock. Mr. Gomes said that she was not injured as seriously as had been at first believed.

Later there have been a number of petty robberies in the neighbourhood, and—judging by the statements of residents—a further number of contemplated attempts that did not succeed. One of the residents of Saifce Terrace said that frequently she had turned away alleged messengers bearing chits addressed to persons who were said to reside in the flats, but who did not live there. These notes, she said, were addressed in hand-writing that was below the standard of any European of average education. She never opened the door to these visitors, but talked with them from behind barred windows. It was said by another resident that many beggars, usually of a more lusty type than might be expected, frequent the locality. As usual on such occasions, the residents are clamouring for more police protection.

That there is at least one British manufacturing firm fully alive to the necessity of attacking the foreign market in the right way is shown by the 1921 foreign catalogue of the Raleigh Cycle Company, Nottingham, which is printed throughout in English, French, Spanish, and Dutch—the four chief commercial languages of the world. To offer is to be reminded that British firms do not consider the special requirements of foreign markets, especially in the matter of supplying catalogues, in languages that can be read and understood. The Raleigh Cycle Company are therefore to be congratulated on an enterprise that should open up still wider fields for a bicycle long famous for its sturdiness and reliability. It is an expansion of British trade so vital to the progress of our commercial progress.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—I have pleasure in informing you that I have forwarded to Sir Arthur Pearson, a draft for £23. 7s. 1d., being the proceeds from the Civilians v. Services match played on December 27 in aid of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers and Sailors.—Yours truly,

J. RALSTON.

January 4, 1921.

## SOLO WHIST.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Dear Sir,—Re your interesting article on solo whist in yesterday's *China Mail*, may I be allowed to make a few remarks as the "mercenary and rapacious scoundrel" who came in for a fair amount of friendly criticism about the play of the hand. The player on my right dealt and passed, turning up the nine of clubs as trumps. My hand was A.K.Q. of clubs, A.J. ten, seven of spades, King of diamonds bare, and A.K. five times hearts without the deuce. I called solo. The next player passed, and the last player (opposite me) called *miserere cunctis*, (with the final phrase Mr. Editor), I led as you state king of diamonds. On hand being exposed, it was at once obvious that the only two suits it was possible to defeat him on were clubs and spades, of which he held Jack, eight, five, three, and eight, three, two respectively. Now I had to make up my mind which of these suits to tackle him on and reasoned thus. If I led a small heart, the caller will certainly discard eight of spades, then whoever takes the lead will certainly lead diamonds, which will enable me to discard my clubs. My own opinion is that I should have led Ace of clubs first, and then king of diamonds, but this does not affect the question as to what I should have led next which you have raised. This is a very interesting hand, and I shall be pleased to see replies to your article. The only point on which I beg to differ with you is your assertion that my leading a small heart made the caller win.

I am, yours faithfully,

THURMIST.

[We are obliged to our correspondent, and hasten to assure him that whatever we may have said, we did not mean to say that the heart lead necessarily let the absurd hand "get home." We still say it was a wrong lead, the worst possible, but if the man who got in on the heart lead had returned the diamond, the caller should have been defeated. Our considered opinion of Thurmist's proper leads, in the circumstances, is this: Bare diamond first, then queen of clubs, (to show how he was fired, and to hint that clubs should be watched) and then a small spade, to let the man with the balance of the diamonds get in. The holder of these diamonds happened to be the holder of the deuce of clubs, and could easily have caught the caller if the discards were properly watched.]

## THE OTHER SIDE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—In answer to "Interests" letter of yesterday's issue, I would like to point out a few reasons why, even at double the price, electricity here is not dear in comparison to Swansea.

First—Swansea is the centre of great commercial activity, its manufactures mean a good load from the hour of midnight and throughout the day, hence Swansea can make the best use of its plant throughout the 24 hours. In Hongkong expensive plant has to remain standing all night and day to supply the extra load for a few hours in the evening. So Hongkong can never make the best use of its plant.

Second—Machinery erected costs more out here than at home.

Third—A much more expensive European Staff must be kept, as each man must be a specialist in his own department having only unskilled labour to work with.

Fourth—Repairs cost more, at home the manufacturer sends men to do repairs, or the damaged article is sent to the shops. Here this cannot be so an expensive staff and workshops must be kept for this purpose alone.

Fifth—As everybody knows, who employ Chinese labour, a much larger staff has to be kept to meet their shortcomings.

Sixth—The life of all electrical gear is very much shorter owing to our climate than it is at home. I think "Interests" will agree with me that there is something to be said for the much maligned Electric Co.—Enclosing my card.

Yours truly,

"FAIRNESS."

As the result of being knocked down by motor car No. 204 in Chinatown yesterday afternoon, a Chinese woman is now in the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her body. Her condition is not considered serious.

## SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

## SUMMARY COURT CASE.

## JUDGMENT FOR DEFENCE.

Hearing of the suit of the Chu Kyoku Trading Company, 7 Queen's Road Central, against The Kwong Cheong firm, 24, Kwai Hing Street, for \$724 for damages growing out of an alleged breach of contract, was concluded in the Summary Court, before the Puisse Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, this morning. Judgment was given for the defendant.

The case involved a contract, dated March 30, 1920, by which the defendants agreed to purchase from the plaintiffs 150 bales of new gunny bags. Mr. Mason, of D'Almeida & Mason, appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. J. H. Gardner for the defendants.

The defendants claimed that the goods tendered for inspection were not up to the weight fixed by the contract, and further that they were not given opportunity to inspect all the goods for which they were pressed to take delivery.

The plaintiffs declared that from the time the market for gunny bags began falling, the defendants had no intention of taking delivery, and they had determined to repudiate it; and that they were given every opportunity to inspect, weigh, and take delivery.

The Court held that four of the ten bales weighed by the defendants were below the standard of weight fixed by the contract, and that the defendants therefore were entitled to reject all the bales submitted for inspection.

## SEQUEL TO CHAIR RICE.

## COOLIES IN COURT.

J. A. Laboury Gutierrez (Jojo Guiz) this morning summoned two chair coolies before Magistrate Smith with (1) demanding more than the legal fare, (2) using abusive language, and (3) assault.

Both accused denied the charges. The complainant said that yesterday afternoon, he engaged the accused's chair opposite the Central Market to go to his home in Robinson Road. Arrived at his destination, he tendered a \$1 bill and asked for 80 cents change. The first accused refused to accept 20 cents for the journey and demanded 30 cents. Witness thereupon withdrew the \$1 bill, and entered the house. He ordered his servant to pay the accused 20 cents, the fare he had paid for the same journey for the past 20 years. The accused used insulting language. When the witness came out to remonstrate with them, they picked up their chair and ran. Witness gave chase and caught the first accused by the wrist. The other man thereupon dealt him a "brutal kick" on the shin which caused him to release his hold of the first accused.

The Magistrate: With regard to the assault, you caught the first accused by the wrist before the other man kicked you. Gutierrez: Yes, but I did not mean to assault him. I caught the first man's wrist with the intention of handing him over to an Indian constable whom I saw a little distance away "strolling" down the road. The Magistrate convicted the accused and fined them \$3 each.

## LOCAL WEDDING.

## MARKY BAYESTOCK.

In St. Andrew's Church on Monday, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay married Revenue Officer Alfred Marks to Miss Isabel Bayestock, who arrived in Hongkong by the s.s. "Bremen." The service was fully choral, and the church was prettily decorated for the occasion. Mr. I. Martin was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Millington, was attended by Miss Pepperell as bridesmaid. Mr. W. Knight performed the duties of "best man."

At the reception held after the ceremony the customary toasts were honoured. The honeymoon is being spent at Paoing.

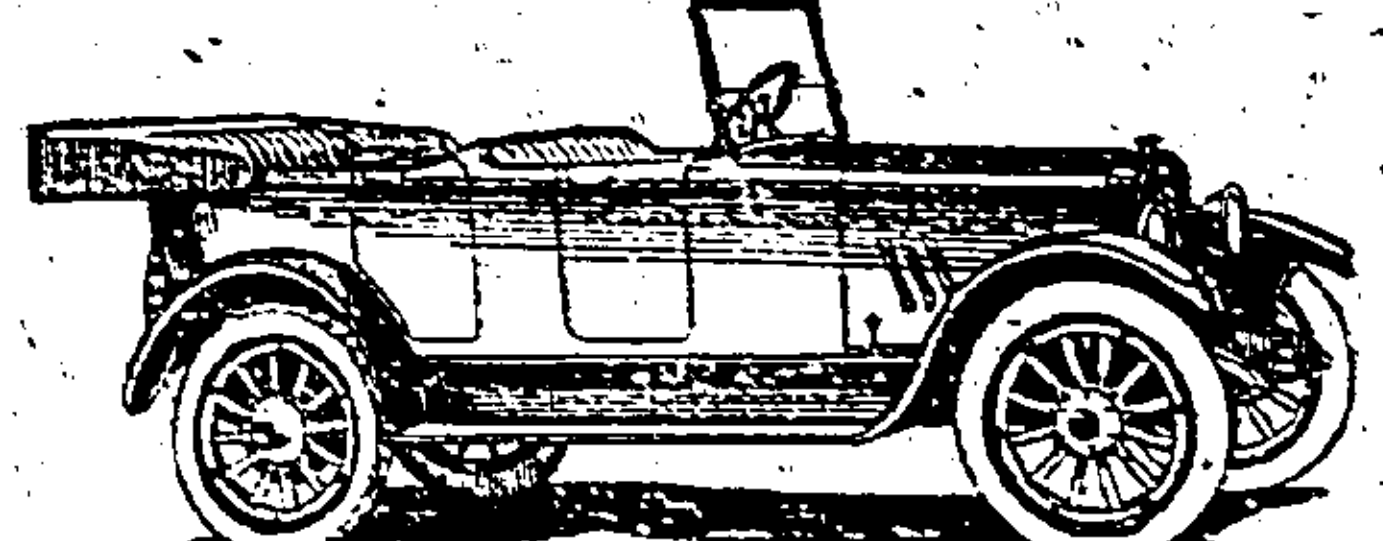
The P. and O.s.s. "Delta" left Singapore for this port at 4 p.m. on January 4, and is due here with the outward English Mails on January 10 at 6 a.m.

After the all but open expression of disapproval by the Japanese delegates at Geneva of the idea of appointing China as a temporary member of the Council of the League of Nations, it must be with a sense of humiliation that they see China elected after all, says the *Japan Chronicle*. "It would have been far better tactics from every point of view to have urged China's inclusion, representing, as her delegate does, quite a considerable percentage of the world's population, a larger population indeed than that of any State except the widely scattered British Empire." The Japanese delegates do not appear to have acted with the perfect circumspection that we are accustomed to in the diplomacy of their country.



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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Radio's Service to the China Mail)

### SHIPPING DEPRESSION.

#### SCANDINAVIAN VESSELS TO BE LAID UP INDEFINITELY.

#### CONTRACTS CANCELLED.

In view of the grave depression in the shipping trade, Scandinavian owners are reported to have decided indefinitely to lay up ships representing 400,000 tons now lying at Typeside. Contracts for new ships will be cancelled at heavy sacrifices. Scandinavians attribute the depression largely to American competition carrying coal from the United States to Scandinavia.

#### MISSIONS IN CHINA.

#### POPE RECEIVES HEADS OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

ROME, January 4.  
The Pope received the Reverend Edward McCarthy, Superior of the Chinese Mission Society at Omaha, Nebraska, which is composed of secular priests devoted to missions in China. He is accompanied by the Reverend John Blonovich, Superior of the Irish Society for Missions in China. Both reported that owing to the development of missions funds were required. A number of pupils are instructed.

#### MAMMOTH LINERS TO BE SOLD.

LONDON, January 6.  
The Times states that 120 out of 366 ex-German vessels allotted to Britain have now been sold. The remainder include the liners "Imperator" and "Bismarck" which may be purchased by the Cunard and White Star Lines, respectively.

#### DUTCH AGREEMENT WITH BULGARIA.

THE HAGUE, January 4.  
In the second Chamber the Foreign Minister stated that Bulgaria had announced her readiness to apply the "most favoured nation" treatment on a basis of reciprocity to goods of Dutch origin till August 9, 1921.

#### BIG MANGANESE MINE BOUGHT.

NEW YORK, January 4.  
Mr. Gary, Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, has announced that the Corporation has purchased one of the largest manganese mines in South America at Morodamina, about 300 miles from Rio de Janeiro. He says that the purchase makes the Corporation independent with regard to the supplies of manganese.

#### A SPECIAL MISSION FROM KOREA.

LONDON, January 4.  
Mr. Komatsu, ex-Director of Foreign Affairs in Korea, has arrived in London from Washington on a special mission.

### EXCHANGE IN 1920.

#### LOCAL FIRM'S REVIEW.

#### FLUCTUATIONS OF THE DOLLAR.

The fluctuations of our dollar are always a subject of considerable comment and speculation and vice with the weather as a popular topic. From Messrs Stewart Bros has been received a summary of exchange for 1920 and other interesting information. This shows that during the past year the highest T.T. rate obtained in February, when 6/2 was quoted while December is credited, or discredited, with 2/11 the lowest rate of the year. The average over the period is given as 4/3 1/16 which is the highest from 1901. In that year the average was 1/9 1/16. In February also bar silver was quoted at 89 1/2 the highest rate of the year while December saw rate down to 38 7/8. A table dating back to 1884 showing the prices of bar silver in London, rates of exchange in Hongkong and the Bank of England rates of discount is also given.

Yesterday, by the "Tenyo Maru," there returned to the Colony the well known exchange broker and financier, Mr. J. H. N. Mody, accompanied by Mrs. Mody. They have been touring in the United States.

It is stated that the Navy will provide one of the auxiliary vessels, built during the war, for the British Association, and the Overseas Dominion to send on a voyage of ocean exploration—the new "Challenger" expedition proposed by Professor Herdman. The Admiralty strongly favours the venture. It is probable that the vessel which she sails will carry, in addition to oceanographers and zoologists, a party of astronomers who will observe the solar eclipse of 1922 from the Maldives Islands in the Indian Ocean.

### SPORT.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

#### THE CHALLENGE CUP.

This cup was won in 1913 and again in 1914, by the "rugger" section of the Hongkong Football Club. No competition has been held since the outbreak of the war, and the cup has been in the custody of the Hongkong F.C. for the past six years. This year, with the Army, the Navy and the Club all possessing strong rugby teams, it has been decided to revive the competition, and the first match has been arranged to take place on the Club ground on Saturday, commencing at 4 p.m., sharp. Altogether six matches will be played, and it is hoped that a final exhibition match—Winners v. the Rest—may be arranged at the close of the competition. On January 15, the Army will play the Club in the first round of the competition.

A portion of the sum raised for the War Memorial will be devoted to the erection of a permanent stone memorial which will be put in hand at an early date. On the "finest site," no doubt. Maskee! We shall be able to move it when we make up our minds to do so.

#### STRAIGHT AT IT.

THERE is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cure has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

### CHINA'S COAL.

#### INCALCULABLE RESOURCES.

#### THE SHIPPING FACTOR.

Mr. Alexander Grant, a London mining engineer informs the Daily Dispatch that China possesses vast territories containing an unlimited quantity of workable coal and iron that can be exported at a very cheap rate.

"My name," declared Mr. Grant, "has recently been associated with a shipment of coal to Newcastle from China. As a matter of fact, I had nothing to do with this particular shipment. It was shipped for the purchase by the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service. I myself have been prospecting and exploring in connection with coal and iron for twenty years, but since 1913 I have been particularly attracted by the enormous possibilities of China in this direction. That country has been exporting coal to France for twelve months. At present China is exporting about 7,000,000 tons of coal per year. In giving the following rough estimates I am not speaking by the book, for my figures have to be checked later, so they must be taken as approximating in all cases. China has 1,000,000,000 tons of workable iron in sight, so to speak, but the quantities of coal easily workable are vastly greater than that calculation. Her tracts of coal are in fact unlimited. How easily workable the coal is may be seen by my statement that the maximum depth of this surface total is 400 feet. The economic value of this coal can be easily appreciated when I say that the working pitmouth cost of the coal is 2s a ton, as against our home coal cost, which is about 14s. I believe, a ton. Some people have thought oil would displace coal sooner or later, when the miner's occupation would be gone. But oil can never do this while China possesses all this cheap coal. The only factor preventing an enormous extension of Chinese coal exportation is the shipping factor. There is no necessity to employ much machinery or coal-carrying machines of any kind there, owing, of course, to the tremendous amount of cheap labour available."

### HOME TRADE.

#### MANCHESTER MARKET.

#### WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, manufacturers and exporters of all kinds of piece goods to India, China, &c., reported on December as follows:

There are still no signs of a change from the unsatisfactory conditions which have governed trade for such a prolonged period, and the absence of any relief, in the shape of trade buying, to the continuous and persistent selling pressure in the markets has again led to greatly increased weakness all round. Both the New York and Liverpool markets have shown an almost total inability to respond to any buying movement, and upward reactions have been of a very short-lived nature. Spinners show little interest in spite of the apparently cheap rates now ruling, merely buying for their immediate needs. Prices have dropped considerably for both American and Egyptian but the former show a slight recovery from the lowest point reached during the week. In the yarn and cloth sections the position is practically unaltered. Spinners find little demand and quotations are reduced in sympathy with cotton. Although the decline in American yarns has been continuous it has all along been steady, but the movement of Egyptian prices has been more erratic and the fall in these has recently been particularly rapid. The position of cloth makers continues to be extremely difficult, lifelessness being still the predominant feature in this section. There are still many influences of a character adverse to an extension of activity but the weakness and instability of cotton values appears to be the serious obstacle to any renewal of confidence. Even necessary replacements are being held over so long as rates show a tendency to decline, as is very evident from the fact that improved enquiry immediately comes forward when the opposite is the case. Unfortunately firmer movements do not last long enough to result in many of these enquiries maturing into actual business, and the turnover has again been extremely limited. Prices are on a very low and cheap basis but there is no doubt that the drop is not a permanent one by any means, and the weight of replacements which will be necessary when present stocks are disposed of will not be made at the present level. Nearly all outlets have alike shown little inclination to operate in spite of the low offers made from this side, "Cakuts" being almost alone responsible for occasional lines.

There will be no meeting of the Reading Circle at the Helena May Institute to-morrow, Thursday, January 6. The paper on "Swineburne" will be read next Thursday morning, January 13.

### OBITUARY.

#### MR. GEORGE JAMIESON.

#### FORMER CONSUL AT CANTON.

Announcement is made of the death of Mr. George Jamieson, C.M.G., formerly of H. B. M. Consular Service in China, at 43 Onslow Square, London, on December 30.

Mr. George Jamieson, was born in 1848, and therefore was 77 years of age. He entered the Consular Service in 1864, became Registrar, Middle Temple, 1890, and in 1891 was Consul and Judge of the Supreme Court in Shanghai. He was Consul-General from 1897 to 1899. Among other activities he was Director of the Peking Syndicate and Yangtze Valley Company. He was the author of several publications, including papers on the Revenue and Statistics of China, and a prize essay on Bimetallism. The news of his death will be received with regret by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

#### ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS.

#### NEW PROGRAMME.

#### HIGH STANDARD MAINTAINED.

There was another large attendance at Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, last night, to witness the change of programme by the Royal Italian Circus which is attracting large crowds to the two daily performances since the season opened on Christmas Day. Last night's programme contained some new items which were well received. Middle Stella with her wonderfully trained troupe of dogs received great applause, particularly with the ladder climbing and high diving dog, Piccolo, the remarkably intelligent horse, exhibited great sagacity in the hide and seek turn with Spuds, the popular clown who, with his partner George, never failed to raise a laugh. Leo and his charming partner gave some excellent musical turns. The monkey on the trapeze was another of the many new items which gave immense pleasure. The Kirk trio gave some new hand balancing acts, while the Florenty trio on the balancing trapeze and the Arkos trio on the flying trapeze performed acts of amazing skill. The Anglo Chinese troupe also maintained their high standard in their new acts. Marasso, the Champion Jockey, was as daring as ever in his bareback "stunts." Middle Lorenz on the left trapeze, and Maximo, the Cuban slack wire wonder, were as accurate as stardust in their remarkable contributions to an excellent programme.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One fatal case of enteric fever, Chinese, was reported yesterday.

According to the vernacular press, a Korean now in Canton is seeking assistance for the Korean independent movement.

As the St. George's Society's annual ball is to be held to-morrow night, restrictions on motor traffic between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. will be removed.

The Rev. Teesdale Mackintosh D.D. will give an address on "The Religion of War" at the Helena May Institute to members and their friends at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11.

An Indian constable who charged two ricksha coolies before Magistrate Smith this morning with trespassing into the German Mission House, Hospital Road, and with attempted bribery, said that early this morning, while on patrol duty in Hospital Road, he heard whispers coming from the porch of the German Mission. He flashed his bull's eye lamp into the porch and saw the accused lying on the ground. As their movements were suspicious he arrested them. After their arrest, the accused offered him 20 cents to release them. The accused said that they sought shelter in the porch from the cold wind. They had no felonious intentions. "Remarkable that the accused might have been charged with a more serious offence, the Magistrate discharged them on the charge of trespass and fined them \$5 each or 14 days' hard labour on the charge of offering a bribe."

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### ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1921.

#### DANCE PROGRAMME.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY.

For the convenience of guests at the Annual Ball of the St. George's Society on Thursday, January 6, it is announced that the rendezvous for the dancers in St. George's Hall will be known by three red lights; in St. Andrew's Hall, by a similar number of blue lights, and in the Music Room three green lights will prove the means of finding partners. The following is the programme of dances—Extra Waltz (Beautiful Ohio); 1. Lancers 6 (Veronique); 2. One Step (Oh Helen); 3. Fox Trot (Whispering); 4. Waltz (Oh What a Pal was Mary); 5. Barn Dance (Arcadian); 6. One Step (Tad); 7. Fox Trot (Venetian Moon); 8. Waltz (Missouri); 9. One Step (Hongkong); 10. Fox Trot (1 amp); 11. One Step (Cairo); 12. Fox Trot (Rose Room); 13. Lancers (Orchid); 14. Waltz (Destiny); 15. One Step (Oh by Jingo); 16. Fox Trot (Dardanelle); 17. Waltz (The Chatterbox); 18. One Step (Sand Dunes); 19. Fox Trot (So Long O Long); 20. Sir Roger de Coverley; Second Extra, One Step (Wild, wild women); Third Extra, Fox Trot (Indianola).

The Bands of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will provide the music; and late Peak Trams and Ferries will run at 1.30 a.m., 2 a.m. and 2.30 a.m.

### TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### FOUND.

FOUND in Taikeo Club, after Ball. Pearl Ear Drop and Silver Mounted Umbrella. Apply to Hon. Secretary.

#### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMBATING VENEREAL DISEASES.

THE following MEETINGS have been arranged under the auspices of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce:

Meeting for Men only of the European Community at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, Queen's Road Central (TO-MORROW) THURSDAY, at 5.30 p.m.

Address by Dr. ROBERT HALLAM.

Film Lecture for Men and Women of the European Community: "THE END OF THE ROAD" At St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, FRIDAY, January 7th, at 5.30 p.m.

Address by Dr. ROBERT HALLAM.

Film Lecture for Men and Women of the European Community: "DAMAGED GOODS"

At the Helena May Institute, MONDAY, January 10th, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,

D. K. BLAIR,

Actg. Secretary,

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Hongkong, January 5, 1921.

#### TOYO KISEN KAISEA.

#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

#### THE Steamship

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The above named Steamer having arrived on Tuesday, the 4th January, 1921, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for counter-signatures, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be accepted on cargo remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 11th January, 1921.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Wednesday, the 12th January, 1921, at 11 a.m.

No claims will be recognized after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

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Y. TEUTSUMI,

Manager.

Hongkong, January 5, 1921.

### NOTICES.

## LANE, CRAWFORD'S CHOICE WINES.

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<b>BURGUNDIES. J. Lebegue &amp; Co., Margaux.</b>			
Beaujolais	per pint bot	\$1.50	
Gevrey Chambertin	"	1.70	
<b>WHITE WINES. J. Lebegue &amp; Co., Margaux.</b>			
Preignac Ponsessac	per qrt bot	\$2.50	
Chateau Montbrun	"	1.30	
Chablis	"	1.60	
	qrt	3.00	
<b>PORTS.</b>			
Medium Tawny, FONSECAS	per bot	\$3.00	
Royal Reserve	"	3.50	
Navy Special Saccos & Speed	"	3.00	
<b>SHERRIES. FONSECAS.</b>			
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Amontillado	"	3.50	

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## KINEMA NOTES.

CORONET PICTURES.

"THE ISLE OF CONQUEST."

According to the advance notices, the feature picture the Coronet Theatre is offering beginning to-day, is one of the best in which Miss Norma Talmadge has appeared, which would indicate that it is of an exceptionally high order. It is called "The Isle Of Conquest," and in it Miss Talmadge is supported by her dainty sister, Nathalie. Miss Talmadge, because of her appealing beauty, as well as her ability to interpret her characters with exceptional sympathy, has a great following, in Hongkong as well as every where else the world over.

The death occurred suddenly at Shanghai on Christmas Day of Harry Pritchard. The deceased had been in the employ of Mr. A. M. A. Evans, at the Mead farm, Paoshan, and death occurred, apparently from heart trouble.

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## CARGO PILFERING.

HOLTS GODOWN ROBBED.

THREE MEN CHARGED.

Before Magistrate O'ne yesterday afternoon, three Chinese were charged with the theft of a large quantity of piece goods and 200 red woollen blankets, valued together at \$3,400, from Holt's Godown at Kowloon, while a fourth man was charged with receiving the property knowing, or having cause to know, that it was stolen.

Mr. E. J. Lewis prosecuted on behalf of Holt's. The first three accused were represented by Messrs. A. E. Hall, D. H. Blake and Leo d'Almada, while the fourth man was defended by Mr. A. H. Crew.

Before proceeding with the case, Mr. Lewis informed the Magistrate that he had a further charge of falsification of accounts to prefer against the first three accused.

Mr. d'Almada stated that he would refuse to plead until the charge was formulated. He thought the solicitors for the defence should have been given previous notice of the second charge.

Mr. Lewis said that he was going to ask the Magistrate to commit the accused to the Sessions, and then it would be for the Attorney General to bring other charges against them. The Counsel said that he also wished to charge the first three accused with being accessories before the theft.

Mr. d'Almada: I must ask for an adjournment if my friend is going to bring this new charge.

Mr. Lewis said that he would call evidence dealing only with the present charge and all the circumstances pertaining to it. The formulation of the other charges he would leave to the Attorney General.

None of the defending Counsel raised any objection to this procedure.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Lewis said that first accused was keeper of No. 3 Holt's wharf and tally clerk, and the third accused was his assistant. The second accused was the chief ship's tallyman, while the last defendant was a broker. The duty of the first and third defendants was somewhat different from that of the second accused, who was in charge of all the tallymen and had to superintend the tallying out of cargo. He also collected the tally sheets and handed over to the proper official the complete tally sheets of the ship's out-turn. The first tally sheets were in duplicate, one of which was to be sent to the purser of the ship and the other to the Manager of Holt's wharf. The stolen goods arrived by the s.s. "Rheum" which commenced to discharge at Hongkong on the 26th of last month. Just before the discharge the second accused approached the first and third defendants and said "When this cargo is out I will not enter in my tally sheet certain cases and we will get away with them." What happened was that the whole of the cargo was tallied before it was removed from the ship to the godown, but it appeared that with regard to certain boxes the second defendant put down on some unlawfully obtained tally sheets 1 to 4 instead of 1 to 6, as written on the original and correct sheets, and then destroyed the originals and handed the one prepared by him into the office. The sheet produced, continued Mr. Lewis, was forged by second defendant, as it was signed by a fictitious person, and omitted certain cases of goods. After having forged the tally sheet, second defendant furnished first defendant with all the particulars (marks, etc.) of the goods which he had omitted from the sheet. First defendant then fraudulently altered the tally book of his godown, and he (Mr. Lewis) would show his Worship the entry which had been falsified. First defendant then gave the fourth defendant a chair bearing the numbers of the goods which second defendant had omitted from his tally sheets with instructions that he should take delivery of the goods from Holt's godown. The fourth defendant carried out the instructions and removed the goods to his own premises, No. 3 Tung Man Street. Shortly afterwards, the Police arrived and saw the fourth defendant in the act of unpacking the goods and putting them into different boxes. The Police obtained from him the documents bearing the identification numbers of the packages and cases which, he said, he had obtained from the first defendant. But for the efforts of the Police, went on Mr. Lewis, the falsification of the first defendant's book would not have been discovered, and the office would have accepted the tally sheet handed in by the second defendant and confirmed by the first defendant's book, as correct. The defendant's book would show that the stolen goods had been short when landed here which was, of course, not true. In the meantime short landing claims would have been made against the complainants who would have sent out the usual cargo tracers, and on finding that the goods had not been delivered at other ports, would have to pay the claims. It was a serious case for several reasons. As his Worship knew cargo pilfering was prevalent all over the world, and was particularly so in Hongkong, the amount involved was considerable and the three defendants were occupying positions of trust. As to the fourth defendant he (Mr. Lewis) was sure that had there been no receivers there would probably have been less cargo pilfering. If his Worship was satisfied that the prosecution had made out a *prima facie* case he would apply for the commitment of the defendants for trial.

Mr. C. B. Riggs and Sergeant Stimson gave evidence, supporting Mr. Lewis' statement.

The first defendant made the following statement to the Police in answer to the charge: "I conspired with the tallyman to swindle goods from the steamer."

Second defendant's statement was a complete denial of the theft.

Mr. Hall submitted that the statement of his client had been misconstrued.

The case was adjourned until Friday.

## BOWEN ROAD ROBBERY.

ONE MAN ARRESTED.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

In connection with the highway robbery committed in Bowen Road about a week ago, when two armed men attacked a Chinese schoolgirl and her boy cousin in broad daylight, relieving the girl of jewellery to the value of \$194 after a short struggle with the youth, inquiries made by detectives resulted in the arrest of a man who was yesterday charged at the Magistrate. After hearing the evidence, Magistrate Smith committed the accused to the forthcoming Criminal Sessions.

According to the victims of the robbery, they were on Bowen Road on the afternoon of December 22 taking photos when the accused and another man, both armed with knives, overpowered the youth, and robbed the girl of all her jewellery, also her handbag containing besides other articles, 40 cents in money.

After the robbery, the highwaymen made off in the direction of Wanchai. A few minutes later, Traffic Inspector Garrod and Sergeant Alexander passed the scene on a motor cycle. Chase was immediately given, but the robbers made good their escape by running down the hillside on to the new road, thence to Happy Valley where they were lost sight of. The following day, a Sergeant saw the accused attempting to pawn two gold rings. At the time of his arrest, the accused had also a gold wristlet watch in his possession. All the recovered jewellery was identified by the girl as her property.

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